are as under:-

| Year | No. of haj pilgrims | Fare paid by each pilgrim | Subsidy per pilgrim (with reference to charter flight rates) | total Subsidy paid/payable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1996 | 50347 | Rs. 12000 | Rs. 7640 | Rs. 35.59 crores |
| 1997 | 53766 | Rs. 12000 | Rs. 16924 | Rs. 91.00 crores of which Rs. 34.38 crores have been paid till date as on account payment. |

(c) The details are as under:-

| | Haj I99f | | Haj 1997 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Haj | Umra | Haj | Umra |
| Normal/prescribed fare | 25875 | 20705 | 28530 | 22835 |
| Additional incentive for groups and individuals | 10% | 2 .72% | 6% | 10% |
| Fare charged | 23290 | 16000 | 26820 | 20555 |

(d) The commission paid to an IATA agent during Haj and Umra is *9%.* Productivity linked bonus ranging from *2%* to *7%* based on minimum productivity of Rs. 100 lakhs was given in the year 1996 and 1997 as incentive to the IATA agents(s)—

**Poor quality of food served in Indian Airlines flights**

648. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) in the passenger ticket of lndian Airlines what amount is included for the food being served on board;

(b) if so, what is the quality and type of food being served that commensurate with the amount charged from the passenger for food;

!c) what is the reasons for poor quality of food; and

(d) whether the quality of food will be improved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) The average cost of the meal uplifted by Indian Airlines is Rs. 83/- approximately.

(b) to (d) Indian Airlines serves sumptuous meals to its passengers which are uplifted from reputed caterers. The quality and quantity of food uplifited from various caterers is ensured through regular monitoring by Indian Airlines officials. Efforts are made to improve the quality as per feedback received from commuters.

**Monsoon Magic and similar offers of Air India**

649. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister OF CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) how many passengers have availed of the Monsoon Magic and similar offers of Air India since its launching last year;

(b) whether this scheme has been successful:

(c) if so. what is the amount of extra revenue earned by Air India due to this Scheme: